

MEDIATION ACCEPTED; END OF WAR IN SIGHT

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to Bulgarian Premier.

NEW FRONTIER IMPOSED

Direct Wireless Dispatch from
Adrianople Shows That the
Garrison Has No Inten-
tion of Surrendering.

London, March 22.—The developments of the last seven days appear to make the conclusion of the Balkan war a matter of only a few days. Turkey, having no hopes of obtaining more money, has instructed her interests to the good offices of the powers, and the allies have accepted the powers' offer of mediation.

The representatives of the powers at Sofia today handed the Bulgarian Premier their scheme, embodying bases for mediation. Their plan includes two provisions to which the allies will probably object. The demand for indemnity is vetoed and the powers stipulate that hostilities must cease when their proposals are accepted.

It appears improbable, however, that the allies will refuse to settle on the terms now offered. The war has come practically to a deadlock. Fighting on the Thracian lines has been indecisive. Adrianople, which the Bulgarians proposed to reduce to submission in a few days, seems to be holding out as strongly as ever after a five months' siege, and a wireless message from that city, received in Constantinople today, declares that the Turkish commander has no thought of surrender.

The weak point in the armor of the allies is that their finances are almost as near to an end as Turkey's.

The ambassadors in London, who had suffered for the Easter holiday, have been recalled, and are in constant consultation over the details of the situation. Their view of the outcome is optimistic.

It is understood that the special object of today's meeting of the European ambassadors was to agree on the wording of combined representations to be made at Cetinje, the Montenegrin capital, urging conciliatory acquiescence in the wishes of Austria-Hungary.

The interesting dispatch from the beleaguered fortress of Adrianople received this morning shows that the garrison under Shukri Pacha has no intention of capitulating. The message was sent by wireless telegraph to Constantinople and thence cabled abroad.

Adrianople, March 22.—A. M.—Shukri Pacha, the commander of this fortress, and his devoted troops are determined to continue the heroic defense they have now carried on for five months, and all reports as to offers made by them to surrender may be dismissed as pure inventions. Only starvation can force the capitulation of the beleaguered garrison. Food is still regularly distributed among the population by the military authorities and there are considerable supplies.

Perfect order prevails within the city, and the report emanating from Sofia that Shukri Pacha had ordered the Greek and Armenian bishops here to be hanged because they had drawn attention to the alleged miseries of the population is groundless.

Sofia, March 22.—The representatives of the powers called on Premier Guecheff separately this afternoon and handed him the following communication:

"The governments of the great powers take note with satisfaction of the acceptance of their mediation by the allied states and point out to them that before the discussion of the terms of peace is begun it is for the powers to formulate their views as to the basis of negotiation to be adopted.

"The great powers are of the opinion that they should be as follows:

"First—The frontier of the Ottoman Empire in Europe shall start at Enos, and, following the course of the Maritza River and then that of the Ergene, shall end at Midia. All territories situated to the west of this line shall be ceded by Turkey to the allied states, with the exception of Albania, the delimitation of which shall be fixed by the powers.

"Second—The question of the Aegean Islands shall be settled by the powers.

"Third—Turkey shall abandon all claim to Crete.

"Fourth—The powers cannot favorably entertain the demand for indemnity, but they will admit the allies to participate in the discussions of the international commission in Paris for an equitable settlement of their participation in the Ottoman debt and in the financial charges of the districts to be handed over to them. Turkey is to be asked to take part in the labors of this commission.

"The great powers declare at the same time that as soon as these bases are accepted hostilities shall cease."

Premier Guecheff thanked the ministers of the powers and informed them that Bulgaria would have to consult with the allied governments before replying.

LAST EFFORTS FOR ALLEN

Attorneys Seek Aid of Supreme Court Justices.

Washington, March 22.—Appeal after appeal was made unsuccessfully today to various members of the Supreme Court of the United States by attorneys for Claude Swanson Allen for a writ of error to review his conviction for taking part in the Hillside, Va., courthouse shooting. The attorneys declare their client has been "twice placed in jeopardy" for the same offense, in violation of the federal constitution.

Chief Justice White, presiding for the fourth circuit, to which Virginia is assigned, first declined to issue the writ. This was a determination on his part that no reasonable claim to a federal right was involved in the case. The Chief Justice expressed himself as perfectly willing that the attorneys apply to other justices.

Justice Hughes was next asked to grant the writ. The attorneys declined to say what action Justice Hughes had taken, but after he had considered the case they started out to visit other justices.

Announcement was made that two of the attorneys would remain in Washington to resume their appeals in behalf of Allen on Monday. This would give them an opportunity to apply, if necessary, to each justice in exhausting every possible hope of saving the life of the convicted man, who is condemned to die on March 24 in Richmond.

EASTER LILIES AND EASTERTIDE BUYERS OF FLOWERS.



ANOTHER AUSTRIAN NOTE SENT TO MONTENEGRO

Strongly Worded Document, in
Nature of Ultimatum,
Repeats Demands.

Vienna, March 22.—The Austro-Hungarian government today addressed a strongly worded note to Montenegro, which was in the nature of an ultimatum.

The note reiterated even more sharply than before the demands made by the Austrian Minister at Cetinje on March 20, which were as follows:

First: The free exit from the fortress of Scutari of all non-combatants.

Second: Explanation of the death of a Catholic priest named Palle, who is said to have been slaughtered because he opposed the violent conversions of prisoners.

Third: Violent conversions to cease instantly.

Fourth: Full satisfaction to be given for the violence of the Montenegrins and Servians at San Giovanni di Medua, on the Adriatic coast, against the crew of the Austrian merchant vessel Skodra.

With a view to hastening the solution of the question of Albania the Austro-Hungarian government has agreed that the town of Jakovo shall be ceded to Serbia on condition that the northern frontier of Albania be delimited in conformity with Austria's wishes.

Berlin, March 22.—Armed operations against Montenegro may soon be begun by the Austro-Hungarian squadron, now cruising off the Montenegrin and Albanian coasts, according to information which reached the German Foreign Office today.

The officials of the German Foreign Office state that Austria will send no further note to Montenegro, so as to exhaust the possibilities of diplomacy before the character of the activity of the warships changes from a demonstration into offensive action.

It is understood here that Russia has counseled the Montenegrins to yield.

FENNING COLLECTION UP

Antiques and Paintings Will Be Sold at Auction.

John Fenning's collection of antiques and paintings will be sold at public auction at Silo's Fifth Avenue Art Galleries, Fifth avenue and 45th street, beginning tomorrow. Since last Thursday the collection has been on exhibition at the galleries. The sale will last twelve days.

Several pieces of rare Chippendale and Louis XVth furniture, including tables, chairs, stands and cabinets, are listed. Pieces of Italian and Dutch workmanship and of the period of Louis XVth will also be sold. There are many other specimens of old English and sixteenth century work.

A remarkable collection of vases, porcelains and crystal, together with Sheffield plate, is included in the antiques. Bronzes, marbles, clocks of various styles and periods, rugs, tapestries, trinkets and jewelry from all parts of the world, with many other pieces of art, bazaar or antique, raise the collection to 249 lots, which will be offered for sale.

There are also 164 paintings. Probably the most remarkable picture in the collection is "The Triumph of Christopher Columbus," by Jean Joseph Benjamin Constant, who received every honor that France bestows on a great artist. Benjamin West is represented by one painting, "William the 3d at the Battle of the Boyne," and Sir Joshua Reynolds, by a "Portrait of a Boy." Sir Henry Raeburn has two portraits. Portraits of Madame de Staël, by Baron Antoine Jean Gros; Nathan Hale, by Rembrandt Peale, and of Sir Isaac Newton, by Sir Godfrey Kneller, are listed.

Of the landscapes two are by Frederick Watts. Others are by Fritz Thaulow, Joseph Israels, and the greatest of the modern Dutch painters, Claude Lorrain.

DR. MORGAN ACCEPTS CALL

Newark Pastor to Take Charge of Calvary Church.

The Rev. Dr. William H. Morgan, of the Central Church, in Newark, will become pastor of the Calvary Church, in Manhattan, according to an announcement made yesterday at the fourth annual session of the Newark conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Morgan is the dean of the Methodist ministers of the Newark conference, having remained in the one pastorate for sixteen years. He was prominently identified with the city's life, and the announcement of his decision to accept the Manhattan call came as a surprise not only to Methodists but to the community at large.

He had declined several offers recently, and his congregation in special session each year had assured him of a co-operation that has made his church one of the leading Methodist organizations in New Jersey. The retiring pastor of Calvary Church is the Rev. Charles L. Goodell.

IN MOURNING FOR BLACK

Sulzer Orders Flags Half-Staffed on Public Buildings.

Albany, March 22.—Governor Sulzer issued a proclamation today announcing the death of Frank S. Black, formerly Governor of New York, which occurred at Troy last night. The proclamation reads:

"New York mourns the death of one of her most distinguished citizens.

"Frank S. Black, who was Governor in 1887 and 1888, was a man of much intellectual and moral power. He will be recognized by future historians as a Governor who showed in all respects those qualities which entitle him to rank as a real statesman.

"In early life he had only those advantages which come from the possession of an indomitable will firmly set to overcome every obstacle in the pathway to success. He began with the lowest round and climbed to the top of the ladder of fame. As a boy on his father's rock-bound farm in Maine; as a student in Lebanon Academy, where he was known as an able debater; as a student in Dartmouth College, where he won distinction as a public speaker; as an editor of a country weekly in Johnston, Fenton County; as a lawyer in Troy, where he became a leader in the movement for ballot reform; as a member of Congress, where he took an active position, and as one of New York's commanding governors, he showed ability of a high order.

"In his death our state loses a distinguished son, and our country a patriotic citizen.

"In order to appropriately express in behalf of the people respect for the public services of Frank S. Black, I, William Sulzer, Governor of the State of New York, request that the flags upon all public buildings, including armories and arsenals, be displayed at half-mast until and including the day of his funeral, and that the Legislature of the state and all its citizens unite in paying suitable respect to the memory of a former Governor who was true to the best traditions of the state."

The Governor sent a personal message of sympathy to Mrs. Black, and, in addition to the proclamation, paid this tribute to the former Governor:

"Frank S. Black and I were friends for more than a quarter of a century. We served together in Congress. I admired his ability and his sterling qualities as a man and a citizen, standing at all times for civic righteousness.

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"My heartfelt sympathy goes out to his relatives and friends. I mourn and grieve with them."

The Governor and other state officials will attend the funeral at Troy Tuesday afternoon. The Senate, after a brief session, adjourned today, out of respect to the memory of the former Governor. A resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of five Senators to attend the funeral.

Troy, N. Y., March 22.—Those wishing to view the body of Frank S. Black will have an opportunity to do so Monday, from noon to 3 o'clock, at the house in Pinewoods avenue. The funeral Tuesday will be private. In accordance with the views of Mrs. Black and those of his family, the body will be interred at the Earl cemetery in Oakwood cemetery.

Mr. Nugent was the author of several works on mathematics and was a well known magazine writer. He was sixty-five years old.

BABES BURN IN BARN.

Bethlehem, Conn., March 22.—Grace, aged five years and Rodolph, aged three, children of Anton Johnson, a farmer, were burned to death late today in a fire which destroyed his stock barn and its contents, including ten cows. The children had gone into the barn to play and it is believed carried matches with them.

ONLY THE BLIND BENEFIT

For They Alone Are Spared Agony of Highest "Art."

New York as a center of art was put to the test again last night. Experienced veterans of the recent International Exhibition of Modern Art at the 69th Regiment Armory took their tattered emotions to the first exhibition of the "Academy of Missed Art" last night at No. 111 East 59th street, and learned that there were still schools for them to conquer even more advanced than anything that cubists, futurists and post-impressionists had hurled at them. The committee in charge did not try to make things easier. Instead they simply issued the following pointed "forward" on what it was all about:

"Looking at these pictures, every visitor will be struck by the fact that they are neither pieces of handsome furniture nor pretty knockdowns nor tasteful souvenirs, but passionate attempts to express profound emotions. All are manifestations of a spiritual revolution which proclaims art a religion and forbids its degradation to the level of a trade. They are intended neither to please nor to flatter nor to shock, but to express great emotions and to provoke them."

One of the "paintings" was by Burgess Johnson. It was made of slabs of blue-jean, and was entitled "A Cubist Painting." It was a cubist painting of a cubist painting. If you were a veteran, you looked and saw something like a man, sitting before an easel painting another something like a man. Then there was another painting. This one was really painted. It might have represented the committee's opinion of cubists in general, although they wouldn't say so. It was by Robert V. V. Sewell and was called "The Followers of Matisse." The "followers" sat reverently about an ape.

Frederick J. Waugh was represented by a "Portrait of an Artist Going Somewhere Else." It was strictly of the ultra-cubist, impressionist school. It is easiest described as a portrait of a scrambled egg.

William Laurel Harris presented "An Ode to the Opening of an Exhibition of Art." Apparently he had accomplished this by throwing a tube of red paint at a perfectly good piece of canvas. Karl von Rydengard employed a somewhat similar technique in producing "The Cosmic Spirit," only he threw several tubes of different colored paint, and steered them around a little bit more methodically until he got something that looked like a kaleidoscope that had been stepped on.

Harry Watrous reproduced "The Emotions of a Lady of Sixty on Roller Skates," by means of a bunch of red, yellow and blue triangles, while Francis Newton's emotions on "Food Descending a Staircase" were expressed by a red-nosed waiter flat on his back amid the wreck of a tray of dishes at the foot of a flight of stairs. More than two hundred pictures will be thrown open to the public this week. The purpose is to raise funds to pay the \$100,000 debt on the new light-house of the New York Association for the Blind.

FAST TROLLEY COMING

Through Line from Philadelphia Soon to Open.

Philadelphia, March 22.—By new construction, the elimination of many grade crossings and relaying of many miles of roadbed, there is prospect of a high speed through trolley car service between this city and Troy in the near future. With agreements between the Public Service Railway and the Philadelphia, Trenton and Bristol Company, arrangements are to be made for the through service, as the Public Service now controls all the way from Trenton to Jersey City. One of the serious obstacles to the traffic plan has been the bad grade crossing of the Pennsylvania tracks at Bristol, but the road is now elevated through that town and this obstacle is removed.

The Trenton, Bristol & Philadelphia Street Railway Company and the Holmesburg, Taunton & Frankford Passenger Railroad Company have entered into an operating arrangement by which the cars of both companies will run through from Frankford to Morrisville. This arrangement does away with at least two changes which through passengers have heretofore been compelled to make between these points.

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DIAZ WON'T TAKE OFFICE

Says He Will Return to Mexico as Simple Citizen.

Rome, March 22.—"The Tribune," after expressing the opinion that the meeting between General Porfirio Diaz, ex-President of Mexico, and his daughter, who is coming to Italy, has some political importance, publishes an interview with General Diaz, in which it quotes him as saying:

"My friends in the army call me home immediately, but I am old and shall return when elections have given to the country a constitutional organization, but as a simple citizen only, and I shall not participate in public life."

General Diaz refused to discuss recent events in Mexico, owing, he said, to his friendship with the man, who were responsible for the revolution.

"What has happened," said General Diaz, "has been a hard lesson both for Mexico and the United States. I do not know President Wilson, but if he continues President Taft's policy Mexico soon will be friends with the United States, whose assistance is necessary for the progress of my country."

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Naco, Ariz., March 22.—Combined state troops at noon today began moving in against Naco, Sonora. Following his precedent of last week, General Ojeda at once left the Mexican border town and set out to meet the enemy. His ranks were depleted by desertions, and the Huerta commander had no more than 20 men, while four groups of the state troops aggregated 1,000 men.

After the federal advance had exchanged a few shots with the state troops, Ojeda gave the word to retire into Naco. He apparently had expected to cut his way through the state troop lines, but saw it was hopeless on account of their superior numbers.

El Paso, Tex., March 22.—Hanging from railway telegraph poles at Sause, between Chihuahua City and the border, are the bodies of Mariano Rodriguez, formerly police chief of Juarez, and Rafael Esquivel, an aged newspaper vendor of the two border towns. On the band of the hat worn by Esquivel, who was credited with religious fanaticism, are printed the words, "Soldado de Paz" ("Soldier of Peace").

Taunting their victims with this motto, familiar to residents of El Paso and Juarez who patronized the vendor, federal troops last Wednesday removed Esquivel and Rodriguez from the Juarez jail, where they had been held for "political offenses."

An unidentified political prisoner also was hanged, it is reported.

Tepic City, Mexico, March 22.—Governor Martin Espinoza of the territory of Tepic on the west coast, liberated all prisoners from the penitentiary today and, with a small escort, started to join the constitutionalists' forces in Sinaloa.

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FREEPORT FIREMEN ALL SEEK AN ALIBI

Bold Cabaret Singer at Vigilants' Smoker Wandered Among Audience Physically Illustrating Kissing Song.

The sixty members of Vigilant Fire Company No. 1, of the Freeport, Long Island, Volunteer Fire Department, have had a lot of explanations to make since a smoker which was held Thursday night by their organization.

Their troubles are due to the fact that some of them were kissed by a young and pretty girl wearing—well, a sweet smile, anyway—who was one of the "artists" imported from New York for the occasion.

In Freeport the best residents belong to the Volunteer Fire Department, and the Vigilant Company is considered the most select in point of membership in the whole department. It numbers lots of prominent business men, and not a few church workers, such as deacons and elders. Nearly all the members of the company attended the smoker, it is said in Freeport, for there had been a whisper that the entertainment would be the "real thing," and that there would be performers there direct from New York's leading cabaret shows. But from what the Freeport firemen said yesterday it would seem that the smoker was given in an empty house.

"Why, I was in New York last night," say the Vigilants when asked if they were at the smoker. It would seem as though the evening train on the Long Island Railroad must have been packed to the platforms if each man is to be believed.

There were a few ordinary acts at the smoker after the pipes had been lighted and tall foaming glasses were being passed around, and some of the firemen, disappointed, were beginning to think they might as well have remained at home and gone to bed. But then W. D. Finch, chairman of the arrangements committee, mounted the platform.

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Lola climbed down from the stage as she sang, and bestowed resounding smacks upon some of the firemen present. But, as some of the young bloods sadly related, she seemed to have a preference for the old men, especially those with bald heads.

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VIRGINIA HAMS TO BLAME

Responsible for Blasted Romance and 3 Arrests, Police Say

Their predilection for well cured Virginia hams is said by the police to be responsible for a blasted romance and the arrest yesterday of Charles and Arthur Thornewell, of No. 349 54th street, Brooklyn, and George Johnson, of No. 29 65th street. The three were prisoners in the Fourth avenue police station last night, charged with burglary.

David Cook, of No. 427 48th street, superintendent of a meat market at No. 327 Third avenue, South Brooklyn, appeared as